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Mustard Agent Vapor Detected

PUEBLO CHEMICAL DEPOT, Colo.— At approximately 10:59 a.m. today, during weekly chemical monitoring operations, chemical workers detected a low level of mustard agent vapor inside an igloo storing 105 mm projectiles at Pueblo Chemical Depot.

The agent vapor was detected by a mobile laboratory vehicle designed to analyze air inside the storage structures externally, through a small air line drawing samples from within the earth covered igloo.

A charcoal filter is now being attached by technicians to an air vent on the back of the storage structure. The air filtration unit cleans the contaminated ambient air inside the igloo by forcing the air through carbon filters.

A chemical crew dressed in personal protective equipment will soon enter the igloo to perform a visual inspection of the agent-filled munitions to look for actual agent leakage from the munitions.

Additional information will be provided as soon as it is received.

County and state officials have been notified.

The safety of all individuals on and off post and the environment remains the primary concern of depot officials and the U.S. Army.

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